

providing a first orientation associated with the image;
 providing a second orientation associated with the image capture unit;
 determining whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation;
decompressing the image; and
 displaying the image in the second orientation.

18. (amended) A system for viewing [an] images in an image capture unit comprising:
 an image associated with a first orientation;
 a second orientation associated with the image capture unit, wherein it is determined
 whether the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and
 a display to display the image in the second orientation;
wherein the image is decompressed for viewing on the display.

19. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the image is rotated to the second
 orientation when the first orientation is different from the second orientation.

20. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the first orientation is a landscape
 orientation.

21. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the first orientation is a portrait
 orientation.

22. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the second orientation is an

orientation in which a horizontal axis of the image capture unit is substantially parallel to a surface of the earth.

23. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the second orientation is an orientation in which a horizontal axis of the image capture unit is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the earth.

24. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, further comprising an [image] orientation sensor for determining the second orientation associated with the image capture unit.

25. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, further comprising a buffer to store data associated with the image.

27. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the image is resized to fit the display.

28. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein the image is cropped to fit the display.

29. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein data related to the image is stored in a buffer in a manner which allows the image to be displayed in the second orientation.

30. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein borders are displayed between an

edge of the image and an edge of the display.

31. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein at least one graphic is displayed on the display.

32. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein at least one icon is displayed on the display.

33. (amended) The system of claim [16] 19, wherein at least one direction icon is displayed on the display.

Please add the following claims:

34. A digital camera capable of displaying an image having a first orientation, the digital camera comprising:

means for capturing the image;

means for storing the in a compressed format image and storing the first orientation;

means for determining a second orientation of the digital camera;

means coupled with the determining means for comparing the first orientation and the second orientation;

means coupled with the determining means for rotating the image from the first orientation to the second orientation if the first orientation is different from the second orientation; and

a display coupled with the rotating means for displaying the image in the second

~~orientation.~~

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35. The digital camera of claim 34 further comprising:

means coupled with the comparing means and the rotating means for decompressing the image.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 1998. Claims 1-33 are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 18-25, and 27-33. Applicant has also added claims 34-35. Consequently, claims 1-35 remain pending in the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge applicable excess claims fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2120 (Sawyer & Associates).

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 19-25 and 27-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite because these claims depend on claim 16, a method claim, and recite a limitation of "the system." Applicant has amended claims 19-25 and 27-33 to depend upon independent claim 18, a system claim. Consequently, "the system" recited in claims 19-25 and 27-33 has proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 has been overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 11-12, 16-20, 22, and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,559,554 ("Uekane"). The Examiner rejected claims 4, 6-10, 14-15, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Uekane in view of

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